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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTERNET CACHE CONTENT DELIVERY VIA A DATA DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

ABSTRACT

A cache system and caching methods that are used to improve data delivery service provided by a data distribution system. The present invention uses a master cache in which predictive harvesting of content is performed based upon probability distributions of individual caches satisfying requests from users. Content in the master cache is distributed to user sites by way of the data distribution system, and local caches at user sites are automatically loaded with incoming content.